

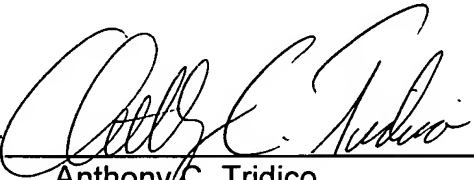
**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1-12, 14, and 18-20; added new claims 21 and 22; and cancelled claims 13 and 15-17. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to conform them to U.S. practice. The claims were not narrowed by these amendments and no estoppels were intended. The examiner is respectfully requested to consider this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,  
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